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Watts is the Private Activity Bond program manager and a housing development specialist for the Colorado Division of Housing (CDOH). She provides technical assistance and gap financing to local agencies & local governments to foster the development of affordable housing projects & programs. She also reviews applications made to CDOH for funding from State and Federal sources.

Prior to CDOH, Ann worked as the City of Fort Collins' affordable housing planner, where she authored a needs analysis and facilitated the development of the city's affordable housing priorities and strategies. She also has experience working as a not-for-profit developer of affordable housing, and she has a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University.

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For 17 years Mr. Munroe was as a Commercial Banker in the Denver area, including senior management positions in commercial business and real estate lending as well as overall bank administration. For 8 years, he co-owned and managed a specialty investment banking firm targeting debt and equity placements for private and public companies. Over the last 11 years, Mr. Munroe has worked in the affordable housing arena, focusing on multi-family development and finance as well as participating in single-family and economic development finance programs, with such organizations Colorado Housing & Finance Authority, Mercy Housing, Inc. and Mercy Loan Fund. He is currently Board President for Mile High Community Loan Fund and a member of the Loan Committee for Funding Partners for Housing Solutions.

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Karen Harkin is the Director of Home Finance for the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA). She is a Certified Mortgage Broker and a Certified Mortgage Lender. Ms. Harkin has more than 25 years of experience in affordable housing from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Under Ms. Harkin's leadership, CHFA set a new home finance record, closing more than \$483 million in mortgage loans during 2007. Ms. Harkin is an advocate for empowering borrowers through the provision of financial education; and oversees CHFA's \$2 million+ investment in free homebuyer education and money management courses available throughout Colorado.

In addition to her service at CHFA, Ms. Harkin is very active in the community. She currently serves as the interim board president for Habitat of Humanity of Colorado, board member for the Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation, 2008 Housing NOW Conference committee co-chair, and executive committee member for the Colorado Foreclosure Hotline.

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Catherine is a senior associate and one of the founding staff at Civic Results. She is also the Director of Policy and Programs for the Metro Mayors Caucus (Caucus), a voluntary and cooperative regional alliance of 37 mayors from the Denver metropolitan area, housed within Civic Results. Since 1996 Catherine has worked with the Caucus to identify and address critical regional and local policy issues and implement policy initiatives.

Catherine facilitates the Caucus' multi-jurisdictional single family mortgage bond program. The program, recognized with a Governor's Smart Growth and Development Award, pools Private Activity Bonds to provide down payment assistance and below market mortgages to low and moderate first time homebuyers. Eight issuances since 1997 have provided more than \$144 million in assistance and mortgages throughout the metro area. Catherine also led the Caucus effort to partner with the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority to create a \$57 million pool of funds for the finance of affordable transit oriented multi-family rental housing along the region's transit corridors. In 2004, Catherine drafted and oversaw the multi-jurisdictional process to refine and adopt the Water Stewards Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU was signed by 28 jurisdictions, and endorsed by Governor Bill Owens and more than 16 organizations. In 2005 Catherine led the multi-jurisdictional follow up effort to draft Best Management Practices for water conservation (demand side) currently in use as an appendix to the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Model Water Conservation Plan. In the area of energy efficiency and conservation, Catherine staffs the Caucus' Energy Committee and in 2006 she led the multi-jurisdictional effort to draft and execute a energy efficiency MOU that was unanimously supported by the Caucus' 37 member governments. On behalf of the Caucus, Catherine staffed the 2006 founding of the Metro Denver Health and Wellness Commission, now housed within Civic Results. Catherine also served on the lead policy team drafting the Mile High Compact. The Awarnee Award winning compact on growth management in 2000 was the first of its kind in the nation. Catherine has worked on special projects for agencies, local governments and foundations including the Regional Air Quality Council, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the Counselors of Real Estate, and The Denver Foundation.

Catherine is a licensed Realtor in the State of Colorado and has a Masters in Public Administration, with a concentration in Environmental Law & Policy from the University of Colorado at Denver. She also holds a B.A. in Political Science, cum laude, from Colorado State University. She and her husband Bill have two young children and live in Denver's Stapleton neighborhood.

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Prior to his position with CHFA, Gomez served as the Director of Finance and Business Development for the Colorado Office of Economic Development under Governor Roy Romer, and spent five years with the Denver Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City - including two years as a Managing Examiner in the Consumer Affairs Division (of the Bank Examinations and Inspections Unit). Jaime is a native of Colorado and earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Finance from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is a certified Examiner by the Board of Governor’s of the Federal Reserve Bank, and is a graduate of the Executive Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business.

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